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Jots from Jeff



As I write this, Mother's Day is in just a few days. Six Mother's Days have come and gone since my own mother went to be with Jesus. It's a bitter-sweet reality for me. I miss her, but I am thrilled she is being cared for

by our heavenly Father. Still, I wouldn't mind one more hug and one more piece of motherly advice.

Many of our residents at *Eagle* are mothers who are working very hard to restore their relationship with their children. And it's a beautiful thing to behold. For those who are helping us in this ministry, you should feel very good about these restored lives and relationships. Without you, it would be too difficult.

We have suffered a tragedy since I last wrote. The husband of one of our *Eagle* residents was killed recently. They have five children ages 4-10. It's been a really sad time. **Charlene** needs to stay in our program for a little longer, so the children are together in DHS custody in the meantime. Please keep **Charlene** and her five children in your prayers for the next while for healing and comfort, and that they will be able to rebuild their lives after this terrible tragedy.

For months we have been asking for a donation of a couch for the living room at *Eagle*. We are happy to announce that a very nice couch has been donated by **Jean Gardner**. Thank you so very much! And a big thank you to **Shawn Terrell** and **Greg Parker** for doing the heavy lifting! Perhaps you would like to

do something to help us in our ministry. Right now at *Eagle* we could use a hand with some painting, minor repairs and yard work. Give me a call and I will plug you in, (405) 550-7658.

—Jeff Gardner, evangelist @Boulevard



In the Spotlight

Editor's Note: Meet Lisa Green. Lisa has been with us for more than 7 months, and she is very serious about her recovery and her faith in Jesus Christ. She wants to be a living testimony of what the power of God can do. Lisa has been sober for 13 months. The picture on the left is from 2010; the one on the right is from 2013.



@Boulevard: Before you started your recovery from addiction, how would you describe your life?

Lisa: I was a single mother with twin daughters. Six days before I turned 18 I was introduced to the needle, where I met Satan face to face. He stayed with me, carried me as far into any sort of darkness there is on this earth. I lied to myself, my children, my family and anyone who cared about me. I was in control and no one was going to tell me what to do. For 30 years I worked for Satan, went

through three marriages, endured all sorts of mental, physical (stabbed and shot by one husband) and sexual abuse. It was complete chaos. Through addiction I neglected my 3 daughters (twins are now 30 and the third is 28) and my 11 grandchildren ranging in ages 4-14. Worst of all, I lost my best friend, my mother, **Dixie Ramona Durant Herandy**, to death while still in my addiction.

@Boulevard: Since coming to *Eagle* and becoming involved with *Boulevard*, how would you describe your life now?

Lisa: Looking back at the past 30 years, it is amazing I am even alive. I came to *Eagle* on September 25, 2012, and it was the best day of my whole 48 years of life. Not only have I remained sober for 13 months, but I was baptized on March 17, 2013. I have watched myself turn around 180 degrees. It's been a miracle. The county I came from said I was a lost cause if I didn't choose a different direction. *Eagle* is my "coming of age" home. It's the most wonderful place to heal from any sort of behavioral defect (meth addiction, in my case). My self-esteem, respect and behavior are at their utmost best. Each day I grow a little stronger into the person I will be completely satisfied with. *Eagle* and *Boulevard* saved my life, and there is life in me now.

@Boulevard: What do you think are some of the most difficult obstacles to overcome in choosing recovery over addiction?

Lisa: The biggest obstacles are time away from my children, grandchildren and my dog, Possum. But really, what good was I? When I was in my addiction, I always took things like school events, engagements, legal obligations and my health for granted. They all came in

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About Us

Boulevard church of Christ is a family of believers in Jesus Christ who want to be the hands and feet of Jesus in reaching people with messed up lives. We believe Jesus is the great Healer physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. And we all need to be healed of something.

Eagle Recovery Center is a Christ-centered, structured, sober-living group home for the purpose of empowering women to successfully re-enter society and live victoriously over drugs and alcohol or any other destructive habit. All residents are valued members of the Boulevard church family.

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last place. An addict's point of view thinks there will always be another time to make up the loss of those things. But in reality, you can never get back any of those things: grandkids graduations from Kindergarten, the way you are viewed by the judicial system, your reputation in a town where everyone knows everyone else, family always believing that once a failure always a failure, looking in a mirror and not liking what you see (if you can actually look in a mirror!).

@Boulevard: What would you like to say to those who support Eagle/Boulevard through prayer, service and finances?

Lisa: Thank you, thank you! I know I am not the only addict that was suffering. The services that you all give to help support our cause is truly amazing. Without your help, there would be so many unfortunate women out there who would still be struggling with addiction as well as being homeless and living with abuse. At Eagle and Boulevard, we ladies are able to grow into women who can become accountable, respectable, as well as lovable. We are able to heal from our sickness which disabled us as humans. We can choose to live a Christian lifestyle which enables us to share with our families, other sober friends, and develop ourselves into people that others will like, as well as learn to like ourselves. Thank you!

Lisa and Charlene beautifying Eagle



Lee Ann with her 1-year Sobriety Chip



Yes, I would like to partner with the Boulevard church and Eagle Recovery Center to help bring Christ to and heal those who are struggling to overcome addiction by making a donation of...

\$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ or Other \$ _____ (donation enclosed)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Make checks payable to **Boulevard church of Christ** and send to:

1301 N. Drexel Boulevard • Oklahoma City, OK 73107

Other Ways to Help:

- Female or Husband/Wife teams to help with transportation for a day
- Donate good clothing suitable for work
- Godly women to develop mentoring relationships with an Eagle resident
- Grounds keeping assistance (mowing, limb cutting and removal, painting and repair)

Please contact Lora or Jeff at one the numbers listed below to volunteer.

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